(*e*) Any other items necessary for the welfare of the village and convenience of the people.

The book may be revised once every 10 years with the necessary alterations in the light of subsequent events. The book may be sold at a nominal price to the public.

The mover also referred to a book maintained for the purpose in the Madras Presidency and represented that the Government should undertake the preparation of the hand book as in Madras.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 70.

Grant of lands for cultivation without auction sale.

Messrs. Revana Siddaiya and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—*Banjar* lands applied for for cultivation may be granted to the first applicant without auction sale.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The existing rules provide for this.

SUBJECT NO. 71.

Estates under Marikanave and Cauvery Reservoirs.

Mr. Ramanujiengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As suggested by Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur in the Agricultural Committee of the Economic Conference, some plots under the Marikanave and the Cauvery Reservoirs may be set apart for forming large estates. They may be given out for cultivation free of cost to such enlightened and enthusiastic raiyats as undertake to cultivate them. A Special Officer may be appointed who can import men from outside rendering them such help as they require, partly at Government and partly at private cost, till the people take to settling in these parts of their own accord.

The lists of lands recently published as available for large estates consist of lands for which there is no demand and which it would not, therefore, be profitable to take up. The only way of fostering large estates would be to set apart fairly good lands to attract investment by really enterprising and capable people.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 72.

(*a*) Grant of lands for cocoanut gardens.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

(*b*) Grant of lands included in the Date Reserve lists for cultivation.

Mr. Hariyanna, Arsikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Lands required for raising cocoanut gardens may be granted without any restrictions whatever even though they may be reserved for the Excise or Amrit Mahal Departments.

There are large areas in the Kadur, Hosdurga, Arsikere and the bordering taluks reserved as date groves, which contain only a few date trees and which are likely to become valuable cocoanut gardens. All such lands should be made available for cocoanut cultivation. There are also Amrit Mahal kavals similarly suited for cocoanut cultivation.

(*b*) *Darkhasts* for lands included in the lists of Date Reserves are rejected on the ground that they contain date trees although they yield no toddy. As it is difficult to procure lands for cultivation, it is prayed that